

U.S. Is Building Eight Per Cent Of World Ships

Great Britain Leads With Almost Sixty Per Cent; Lloyds Register Shows Decrease in America

Many Contracts Stopped

Shipping Depression Brings Suspension of Work on Construction in Europe

Gradual increase in the lead of British shipbuilding over the United States is shown in the latest Lloyd's Register of Shipping, which states that less than 8 per cent of the shipbuilding of the world is under construction in the country, as compared with nearly 30 per cent in Great Britain. Since the beginning of the year British shipyards have extended their advance over American plants about 500,000 tons. The gap since the end of 1920 has been widened from 2,800,000 to 2,840,000 tons.

The report of the quarter ended on September 30 shows actual shipping under construction of 5,42,000 gross tons, of which 3,283,000 represent the British proportion, 434,000 tons the American and 1,825,000 tons that of other countries.

Lloyd's Register points out that the British figures, while representing contracts placed, do not represent the actual work actually proceeding. Included in the aggregate of more than three and a quarter million gross tons are more than 1,100,000 tons on which building has been suspended or postponed. Suspensions amount to 731,000 tons, and postponements to 457,000 tons, a total of 1,188,000 tons, so that the active British shipbuilding program is now 2,054,000 tons.

Due to Depression

This reduction of more than a third in the work under way is due to the general depression in shipping, and is reflected in the returns from other countries, the total suspensions outside of the United Kingdom being reported as 275,000 tons, or about 10 per cent of the total, Italy and the United States being chiefly affected.

Further details in the report of work on hand may be looked for, it is said, due to the continued discrepancy between the tonnage being turned out and the tonnage under construction begun. In Great Britain in the last three months, while 500,000 tons of shipping were launched, work was commenced on only 50,000 tons. This is in sharp contrast with the returns issued by Lloyd's Register at the beginning of this year, which showed an active construction amounting to 500,000 tons, in comparison with launchings of 570,000 tons.

How sharp the shrinkage in shipbuilding has been since the beginning of this year is indicated by the decline of nearly 900,000 gross tons in the United States alone, compared with the 425,000 tons for the United Kingdom and about 325,000 tons for other countries, as the following table shows, the figures representing gross tons:

| | | January 1, October 1, 1921 | July 1, 1921 |
|------------------------|--|----------------------------|--------------|
| United Kingdom | | 5,420,000 | 5,420,000 |
| United States | | 3,283,000 | 434,000 |
| Other countries | | 1,825,000 | 1,825,000 |
| Total | | 10,538,000 | 10,679,000 |

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There have been several shifts in the nation of the smaller shipbuilding nations during the last quarter, Holland, which followed the United Kingdom and the United States in order at the beginning of July, is now exceeded by Italy and France. Italy's total in hand having increased 87,000 tons during the last quarter, so that the total for all other countries fell back.

Fire Record

A.M. 1245-1855 Broadway, E. M. Sofio, Trifing

1:15-10 Columbus av., clothes, unknown

1:15-10 Southern Boulevard and 112th av., Bronx, automobiles

1:15-10 Harry Marshall, Unknown

1:15-10-15 Fulton st., unknown

1:15-10-15 Edward W. Friedman

1:15-10-15 W. 18th st., Greater New York City, None

1:15-10-15 W. 18th st., unknown

1:15-10-15 W. 18th st., Harry Libman, None

1:15-10-15 North River and 132d st., Bronx, Department of Street Cleaning, Unknown

1:15-10-15 W. 18th st., James Reilly, Unknown

1:15-10-15 W. 18th st., unknown, Unknown

1:15-10-15 W. 18th st., Delmonte, Unknown

1:15-10-15 Amsterdam av., Abrams, Unknown

1:15-10-15 W. 18th st., 19th and 1st, Bronx, Unknown

1:15-10-15 W. 18th st., Dannerman & Son, Unknown

1:15-10-15 W. 18th st., James Reilly, Unknown

1:15-10-15 W. 18th st., unknown, Unknown

1:15-10-15 W. 18th st., Delmonte, Unknown

1:15-10-15 W. 18th st., Abrams, Unknown

1:15-10-15 W. 18th st., 19th and 1st, Bronx, Unknown

1:15-10-15 W. 18th st., Dannerman & Son, Unknown

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